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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

1-15 (Canceled).

16. (New) A client terminal device in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed, the device comprising:

selection means for selecting any of said functions in response to a user's operation;

usability permission request means for requesting a server apparatus to permit usability of said selected function;

execution means for executing said function when a notice of usability permission of said function is received from the server apparatus;

count means for counting a period in which said function is not executed;

usability termination request means for requesting the server apparatus to terminate a usability of said function if said counted period exceeds a threshold; and

usability termination receiving means for receiving a notice of usability termination of said function from the server apparatus.

17. (New) A device according to claim 16, wherein said function is at least one of a scan function, print function, a copy function and a facsimile transmission function.

18. (New) A device according to claim 16, further comprising icon display means for displaying icons corresponding to said functions, said icon display means displays distinctly between functions in a state of usability permission and functions in a state of usability termination.

19. (New) A server apparatus for charging to a use of a software installed in a client terminal device, said apparatus comprising:

usability permission request receiving means for receiving from said client terminal device a request of permitting usability of any of said functions;

usability permission informing means for informing a notice of usability permission of any of said function to the client terminal device:

charge means for periodically charging to the function in a state of usability permission among the functions in said software;

usability termination request receiving means for receiving from said client terminal apparatus a request of terminating usability of any of functions in a state of usability permission among said functions in said software;

charge control means for controlling said charge means to terminate charge for said functions in response to said usability termination request; and

usability termination informing means for informing said client terminal apparatus of a notice of usability termination of said functions.

20. (New) A server apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said function is at least one of a scan function, print function, a copy function and a facsimile transmission function.

21. (New) A server apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said charge means executes charge process in response to a reception of request of usability permission from the client terminal device, and said usability permission informing means informs the client terminal device of a notice of usability permission of said function when said charge process is executed.

22. (New) A control method of client terminal device in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed, said method comprising the step of:

selecting any of said functions in response to a user's operation;

requesting a server apparatus to permit usability of said selected function;

executing said function when a notice of usability permission of said function is received from the server apparatus;

counting a period in which said function is not executed;

requesting the server apparatus to terminate a usability of said function if said counted period exceeds a threshold; and

receiving a notice of usability termination of said function from the server apparatus.

23. (New) A control method of a server apparatus for charging to a use of a software installed in a client terminal device, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving from said client terminal device a request of permitting usability of any of said functions;

informing a notice of usability permission of any of said function to the client terminal device:

periodically charging to the function in a state of usability permission among the functions in said software;

receiving from said client terminal apparatus a request of terminating usability of any of functions in a state of usability permission among said functions in said software;

terminating charge for said functions in response to said usability termination request; and

informing said client terminal apparatus of a notice of usability termination of said functions.

24. (New) A record medium storing a program readably by a computer for implementing a control method of client terminal device in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed, said method comprising the step of:

selecting any of said functions in response to a user's operation;

requesting a server apparatus to permit usability of said selected function;

executing said function when a notice of usability permission of said function is received from the server apparatus;

counting a period in which said function is not executed;

requesting the server apparatus to terminate a usability of said function if said counted period exceeds a threshold; and

receiving a notice of usability termination of said function from the server apparatus.

25. (New) A record medium storing a program readably by a computer for implementing a control method of a server apparatus for charging to a use of a software installed in a client terminal device, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving from said client terminal device a request of permitting usability of any of said functions;

informing a notice of usability permission of any of said function to the client terminal device:

periodically charging to the function in a state of usability permission among the functions in said software;

receiving from said client terminal apparatus a request of terminating usability of any of functions in a state of usability permission among said functions in said software;

terminating charge for said functions in response to said usability termination request;

and

informing said client terminal apparatus of a notice of usability termination of said functions.